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Hamas calls for April 18-20 global solidarity

'Gaza cries out to you'

The following call, "Gaza cries out to you—A global solidarity week to support our people and reject the zionist genocidal war," was made by Hamas—Islamic Resistance Movement on April 15, 2025, and published on Resistance News Network.

Palestinian Land Day in Seattle, April 12, 2025. WW PHOTO: JIM MCMAHAN

Amid the ongoing brutal zionist aggression on the Gaza Strip and the escalating horrific massacres against innocent civilians — with full [U.S.] support and alarming international silence — we in the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) issue an urgent call to our Arab and Islamic nations and to all the free people of the world to actively participate in a global week under the slogan: "Gaza Cries Out to You."

We call for the mobilization of all energies and means throughout the upcoming week in support of Gaza's steadfastness, in condemnation of the aggression and to demand an end to the genocide, through the escalation of all forms of solidarity actions — including marches, sit-ins and protests in capitals, cities and public squares across the world.

We call for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (April 18, 19 and 20) to be designated as days of global rage against the occupation, in rejection of U.S. support and international complicity.

We in Hamas appreciate and support the global popular and union-led calls, and we encourage responding to them by designating Tuesday, April 22 as a Global Student and Labor Strike Day in universities, educational institutions and labor unions worldwide — in solidarity with Gaza and in support of its besieged people's resilience.

The cries of children, the moans of the wounded and sick and the groans of the hungry and displaced call out to every living conscience and place upon all a humanitarian and historical responsibility to participate in this global week — to break the shameful silence until the aggression ends and the siege is lifted.

'Kill the cuts'. Philadelphia, April 8. WW PHOTO: JOE PIETTE

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Forced starvation in Rafah in southern Gaza Strip.

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Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class produces all wealth in society, and this wealth should remain in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has been out in the streets defending the workers and oppressed here and worldwide. If you're interested in Marxism, class solidarity, and joining us in the fight for a socialist future, please sign up at **www.workers.org/join-form** and an organizer will get back to you. Or contact a WWP branch near you. □

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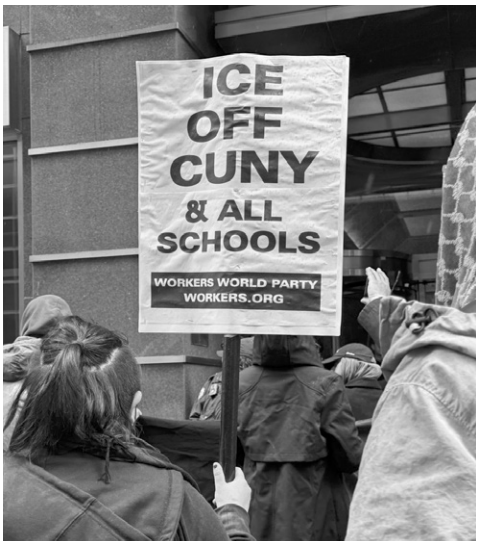
WORKERS WORLD editorial

Political solidarity, class unity: What's the connection?

Ever since the Donald Trump/Elon Musk administration took the reins of power in late January, it has declared a class war on college campus activism, foreign students, trans people, migrants, federal workers and others. This may be a different kind of war from the ongoing genocide that U.S. imperialism and its settler-colonial, Zionist partner Israel has been carrying out against the Palestinian people. Nevertheless, it is still a class war. And it makes class solidarity even more important.



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A call for unity between college students and migrants in New York City, April 11, 2025.

This reign of terror did not begin with the current administration. But it certainly has accelerated since the prior "Genocide Joe" administration demonized the pro-Gaza, pro-Palestine student encampments that spread across the country, falsely charging them with being "antisemitic."

Before the 2024 election, students faced tremendous repression from campus administrations from Columbia University to University of California Los Angeles. Brutal police and pro-Zionist repression took place, shutting down many encampments. Students also faced expulsion or being doxxed for expressing solidarity with the people of Gaza and for demanding that the U.S. stop arming Israel. These include Tufts University Ph.D. Fulbright scholar Rümeysa Öztürk and recent Columbia graduate Mahmoud Khalil who face illegal deportation by the Gestapo-like U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

It is no wonder that while at protests, many students cover their faces or avoid having their real names made public due to heavy surveillance by the police and other repressive agencies.

Not only pro-Palestine student activists face deportation for their political beliefs, but foreign students in general face having their visas revoked, followed by deportation. Over 600 international students have had their visas revoked by the U.S. State Department, some for just being charged with misdemeanors. (The Guardian, April 10)

An injury to one is an injury to all

Trump has also declared a witch hunt on migrants, regardless of their legal status. Migrants can and have been physically removed from their jobs and schools by ICE. Many of them have been deported without any due process to ICE detention centers, the U.S. prison in Guantanamo and to a notorious maximum security prison in El Salvador.

Migrant workers—vital to many arteries of the economy, especially the food industry—have been viciously and falsely labeled as "criminals and rapists" by the xenophobic, misogynist and white supremacist Trump.

When Trump singles out any sector of the working class, such as student activists and migrants, his entire administration seeks to both isolate those sectors and to weaken class solidarity, solidarity that is desperately needed. It is a glaring warning that no sector of the working class is safe in terms of having or maintaining any basic democratic rights. To repeat, this is a worldwide war, be it political, economic or military, that extends way beyond the "borders" of the United States.

Just ask the people of Palestine, Yemen, Lebanon, China, Iran, Greenland, Panamá, Venezuela and South Africa abroad. Just ask federal workers, migrants, students and the trans and disabled communities at home.

Building internationalism or international solidarity is key to pushing back the divide and conquer tactics of the Trump administration, not relying on the impotent Democratic Party with its aim of duping the U.S. population into voting them back into the White House in 2028.

The enemies of the global working class, including in the U.S., are not just Trump and Musk as individuals but the capitalist class dictatorship led by the billionaire plutocrats, whose interests they and other right-wing politicians represent. The working class and its organizations must extend political solidarity beyond those individuals under immediate attack but also generally toward the superexploited working class that produces all the wealth in capitalist society.

Workers World is in complete solidarity with any effort being made to build broad political unity. A prime example is the call by the Within Our Lifetime pro-Palestine group in New York City for the upcoming Palestinian Prisoners Day on April 17.

It reads in part: "When we say 'Free Mahmoud, Free Them All,' we don't just mean all of the students in ICE detention. We mean every last Palestinian prisoner from the U.S. to Palestine, from Mahmoud [Khalil] to Shukri Abu Baker and Ghassan Elashi of the Holy Land 5 to Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, to the 10,000 Palestinians in the occupation's prisons." ❑

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Tarifas, bolsa de valores y clase obrera

Por Martha Grevatt

7 de abril — Desde el 2 de abril, el mercado de valores estadounidense ha perdido 6,6 billones de dólares de valor. El Dow Jones ha caído 3.910 puntos -la peor pérdida desde el inicio de la pandemia de COVID-19 en marzo de 2020- y el S&P 500 bajó un 6%. Las pérdidas continuaron el 7 de abril con el Dow cayendo otros 349 puntos. Los mercados bursátiles de Asia y Europa también se han desplomado.

Esta caída se ha atribuido a las tarifas extremas impuestas a las importaciones de una larga lista de países, anunciadas por el presidente Donald Trump el 2 de abril - al que llamó erróneamente "Día de la Liberación". Las tarifas mínimas del 10% a casi todos los países del mundo –muchas mucho más altas, como el 54% a China, el 46% a Vietnam y el 20% a los países de la Unión Europea– entran en vigor el 9 de abril.

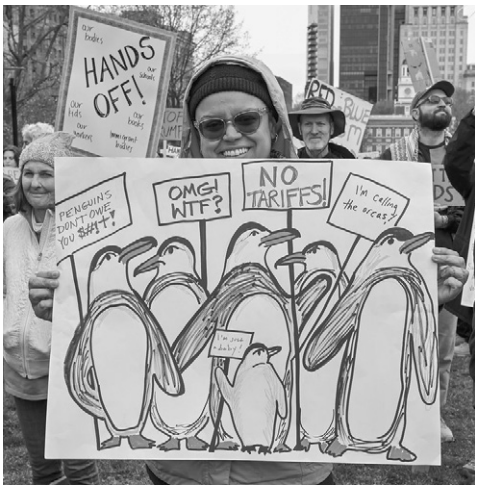
Para comprender la relación entre estas medidas y los altibajos de las cotizaciones bursátiles, es importante entender qué es lo que impulsa las salvajes fluctuaciones del mercado.

En el capitalismo, a los trabajadores no se les paga el valor total de los productos o servicios que crean. Parte del valor va a los trabajadores en forma de salarios. Pero no dejan de trabajar cuando producen lo suficiente para cubrir sus medios de subsistencia necesarios. Siguen trabajando, creando lo que Karl Marx llamó "plusvalía". La plusvalía se traduce en claros beneficios para la clase propietaria capitalista, una clase adinerada de millonarios y multimillonarios que no realizan ningún trabajo productivo.

El mercado refleja la plusvalía anticipada. Cuando los patrones prevén mayores beneficios, los precios de las acciones suben. Cuando prevén menores beneficios o incluso pérdidas, los precios de las acciones caen.

Las tarifas pueden reducir los beneficios

¿Qué tiene esto que ver con las tarifas? La tarifa es un tipo de impuesto que se paga cuando un capitalista importa productos acabados, componentes o materias primas de otro país. El tipo impositivo varía en función del país del que se importe el producto, pero supone un coste añadido para el capitalista que importa el producto.



Filadelfia, 5 de abril de 2025. MO FOTO: JOE PIETTE

El temor entre los capitalistas ahora es que el coste añadido de los nuevos y enormes tarifas impuestos por Trump se reduzcan sus márgenes de beneficio. Incluso si consiguen trasladar el costo de las tarifas al consumidor, el aumento de los precios podría reducir las ventas y, por extensión, disminuir los beneficios. Esto afectará a una amplia gama de industrias, desde el acero y el aluminio hasta la electrónica y los electrodomésticos, pasando por los automóviles y los camiones y la agricultura.

CNN informa de que "la decisión del presidente estadounidense Donald Trump de imponer un conjunto colosal de tarifas a los socios comerciales de Estados Unidos equivale a una "guerra nuclear económica", según el multimillonario gestor de fondos de cobertura Bill Ackman, que respaldó la candidatura de Trump a la presidencia en 2024". (7 de abril)

Se importa una enorme cantidad de productos, piezas y materiales, porque a los capitalistas radicados en los países imperialistas les resulta más lucrativo aprovecharse de unos costes laborales mucho más bajos en el Sur Global, impulsando la globalización. Ahora las tarifas amenazan los beneficios obtenidos mediante la superexplotación de los trabajadores; es decir, los mayores beneficios obtenidos porque los salarios son más bajos.

Está por ver si los capitalistas trasladan o no la producción -y con ella algunos puestos de trabajo- de vuelta a EE.UU. para evitar las tarifas. En estos momentos, empresas como Stellantis, que incluye a Chrysler, prevén una caída de las ventas y el despido de trabajadores.

Por supuesto, puede haber algo más que las tarifas en el último desplome del mercado. Podría estar avecinándose una recesión. Las recesiones y depresiones son inevitables bajo el modo de producción capitalista, pero son más intensas en su actual fase tardía.

En cualquier caso, los trabajadores y los oprimidos no tienen por qué sentirse mal por los accionistas ricos, cuyo patrimonio neto ha caído. Puede que sean menos ricos, pero siguen siendo ricos.

Los trabajadores se verán perjudicados

Por desgracia, la caída del mercado bursátil también afecta a los trabajadores cuyos fondos de pensiones y ahorros personales están invertidos en acciones y bonos. Cuando un fondo de pensiones pierde mucho valor, podrían recortarse las pensiones y/o la atención médica a los jubilados. Las cuentas individuales de jubilación (IRA) suelen perder valor cuando el mercado bursátil cae en picado. Esto supone un doble golpe para los trabajadores jubilados que también están preocupados por sus ingresos del Seguro Social.

La pérdida de 6,6 billones de dólares en Wall Street representa riqueza -plusvalía especulada- que fue creada por la clase trabajadora. Sin embargo, de alguna manera la clase trabajadora se enfrenta a despidos para los que trabajan y a la pérdida de ingresos para los trabajadores jubilados. Se trata de ingresos por los que trabajaron toda su vida -sus ahorros personales o sus pensiones- que se entienden legalmente como salarios diferidos. ☐

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